Sale of excess coal to end-users

*127. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the selling of excess coal produced in captive mines of core sector consumers to other needy end-users is not legally feasible;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proposal to allow captive coal mine companies to sell excess coal to eligible end-users, is under consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the measures being taken by Government to achieve this objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) No. Sir. As per the Ministry of Coal Circular dated 01.03.1999 coal produced from a captive block if rendered surplus or in excess to the requirement due to any contingency or *force majeure* situation is allowed to be sold to another approved end user with prior approval of the Central Government.

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सभापति महोदय, ऐसे अनेक बड़े उद्योग और कम्पनियां हैं जिनकी केप्टिव कोयला खदानें हैं। उनका कहना है कि कोयले के लिए परमिशन आज नहीं है। सरकार इसके बारे में क्या सोच रही है क्योंकि जो केप्टिव कोयला खदानों में उत्पादन कर रहे हैं, वे उसे बाहर ब्लैक में बेच रहे हैं। इसके लिए सरकार राष्ट्रीय खान अधिनियम-1973 है, क्या उसे बदलने जा रही है? मेरा सुझाव है कि सरकार उसे बदले क्योंकि उसमें बहुत गड़बड़ी होने वाली है। सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कर रही है?

श्री सभापति: ठीक है। आप बताइए कि क्या उसे बदलने जा रहे हैं?

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Sir, in general, there is an approved coal mining plan, and the production takes place according to the coal mining plan. Sometimes, because of various reasons, there is extra production. If extra production is there, permission for the sale of excess coal will be given on case-to-case basis after thorough scrutiny of the

reasons for that. Likewise, there are companies like Jindal Steel, Calcutta Electrical Supply, TISCO. They have taken permission from time to time...*(Interruptions)*... I am coming to your question.

If the hon. Member wants I can give the list containing details like on which date they had applied and on which date the permission was given by the Central Government. I could supply the entire data to him.... *(Interruption)*... I am coming to your question. But here, Sir, there is one case, that is, the Central Colliery Company Limited...*(Interruption)*... I am coming to your point.

MR. CHAIRMAN: By the time you reach him, the Question Hour will be over!

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Sir, the Central Colliery Company have taken the captive block with an assurance that they would use it for captive generation. But they have completed the production.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the hon. Member be allowed to put his supplementary question. Please, take your seat.

श्री दत्ता मेघे: संशोधन करने के पहले परमिशन नहीं मिली तब भी कोयला बाहर बेच रहे हैं। उसके बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की है? हमारे यहां कोयले में करोड़ों रुपए के घोटाले में, अभी हमारे यहां बनी में सीबीआई की रेड हो गयी, बहुत से लोगों को पकड़ा। इससे पहले भी क्या था कि जो अधिकारी मिलकर धंधा कर रहे हैं, उसको बंद करने के लिए सीबीआई की रेड होती है लेकिन उसके ऊपर कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हो रही है। बहुत बड़े-बड़े अधिकारी वहां पर हैं। विदर्भ में बनी में भी अभी रेड हुई है। उसके बारे में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

श्री सभापति: एक और प्रश्न पूछ लो, तब तक टाइम पूरा हो जाएगा।

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Sir, I would like to request the hon. Member that if he has any specific evidence...*(Interruption)*...

श्री दत्ता मेघे: सर, वहां सीबीआई की रेड हुई है, मैं उनको क्या ऐवीडेंस दूं? सीबीआई की रेड हुई है सभी पेपर्स में आया है। मैं उनको क्या दे सकता हूं? वह जो रेड हुई है, उसके ऊपर तो कार्यवाही करो। बड़े-बड़े अधिकारी उसमें शामिल हैं।

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Sir, I would like to make one point. If CBI raids have taken place, they have been done only at the instance of the Central Government. It means that we have taken the initiative to go in for raids. If a raid has taken place, then let him wait for the result. Unless

the results come from the CBI, I don't think the Government can take any decision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question, Q. No. 128.

Denial of sophisticated technology

*128. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developed nations are denying sophisticated technology to India through misplaced and anachronistic restrictions;

(b) if so, whether the non-availability of foreign sophisticated technology has impeded our scientific efforts in any way;

(c) whether the country has developed facilities to test and integrate new generation of satellites; and

(d) if so, the distinct advantages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Several control regimes restrict the access of advanced technologies.

(b) The country has forged ahead in spite of the restrictions through indigenisation of critical technologies by pooling national talent and design adaptation and use of alternative sources.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The country has set up sophisticated facilities to meet the requirements for test and integration of new generation satellites for meeting the requirements of national programmes and constantly upgrades them in tune with advancing technologies. In addition to saving time, effort and cost, it also avoids dependence on foreign facilities.

श्री विजय जे॰ दर्डा: सर, भारत में ऐसे कौन-कौन से संगठन हैं जोकि नई तकनीक के हस्तांतरण से संबंध रखते हैं तथा पोखरण-2 के पश्चात ऐसे कितने संगठन हैं, जिन पर विकसित देशों ने प्रतिबंध लगा रखा है?

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Sir, sanctions have been continually put on India right from 1992. However, from 2001, the sanctions have been relaxed. As of now, Sir, only three Space Department entities are on the US Commerce Department Entities List. These are Satish Dhawan Space